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Assistance to land-locked States in Central Asia and Transcaucasia

The General Assembly,

Recalling the agreed conclusions and recommendations on priority areas and modalities for further action to improve transit systems in land-locked and transit developing countries of the Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-Locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions, convened by the Trade and Development Board at United Nations Headquarters in May 1993, as set forth in the report of the Meeting, 1/

Recalling also those paragraphs of the agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting pertaining to the newly independent land-locked States in Central Asia and Transcaucasia,

Noting that these countries are seeking to enter world markets and that such an objective requires the establishment of a multi-country transit system,

Emphasizing the importance of elaborating a programme for improving the efficiency of the current transit environment, including better coordination between railway and highway transports, in the land-locked and transit developing countries concerned,

1. Recognizes that various forms of international technical and financial assistance will be required to improve the efficiency of the current transit environment in the newly independent land-locked and transit developing

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countries in Central Asia and Transcaucasia, including a general survey of transit infrastructure and rehabilitation needs in support of national and regional efforts and programmes;

2. Also recognizes that the work being done by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and by the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in this context can provide a basis for further elaboration;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme to evaluate the transit system of the land-locked countries and the transit developing countries concerned and to elaborate a programme for improving their transit facilities, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.